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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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NORTH DAKOTA

(North Dakota) 7 North Dakotans have died from influenza, 99 hospitalized. The North Dakota Department of Health says seven people in the state have died from influenza, which is an increase of six since last week.

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/7-North-Dakotans-have-died-from-influenza-99-6002955.php>

(North Dakota) 2 dead, a dozen injured in North Dakota train-bus crash. A school bus from the Larimore Public School District in Fargo collided with an oncoming train at a railroad crossing January 5, killing the bus driver and 1 student and injuring 12 others. The train was not carrying cargo at the time and two crew members on board were not injured. <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/2-dead-a-dozen-injured-in-north-dakota-train-bus-crash/ar-BBhyEAe?ocid=iehp>

(North Dakota) Blowout releases 600 barrels of oil in McKenzie County. Petro-Hunt LLC reported January 2 that over 25,000 gallons of crude oil was released following an oil well blowout at its site in McKenzie County, North Dakota. Crews worked to control and clean up the spill while authorities continued to investigate whether any oil reached a tributary of the Missouri River.

<http://www.jamestownsun.com/news/state/3647122-blowout-releases-600-barrels-oil-mckenzie-county>

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) Stolen patient information prompts data breach warning from Shoreview company. Personal and health information for an unknown number of patients at DJO Global, an orthopedic medical device company in Shoreview, was stolen after a thief took a laptop containing the information in November 2014 from the vehicle of a contractor working for the company.

<http://www.kaaltv.com/article/stories/S3667320.shtml>

NATIONAL

(National) EPA moves to count methane emissions from fracking. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed a new rule as part of their Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program that would require energy companies to

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report to the federal government all greenhouse gas emissions from oil well fracking operations and natural gas compressor stations and pipelines. The proposed rule is expected to be finalized in 2015.

http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/state/epa-moves-to-count-methane-emissions-from-fracking_76305968

(National) Winter Storm Gorgon state-by-state update: one dead in Nebraska; multi-vehicle pileups in Midwest; traffic snarled in Northeast. Winter Storm Gorgon moved from the West Coast January 5 to the East Coast January 6 affecting transportation nationally and causing road and flight delays in several Midwestern and Northeastern States. Additionally a landslide in Aberdeen-Hoquiam, Washington, isolated 200 people and closed Highways 12, 101, and 107 for cleanup and the city of Snoqualmie, Washington, ordered flood evacuations January 5 due to rain from the storm.

<http://www.weather.com/safety/winter/news/winter-storm-gorgon-latest-news>

(National) 43 states hit with 'widespread' flu activity, CDC reports. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 43 States experienced "widespread" flu activity and 6 others reported "regional" flu activity due to influenza viruses that caused 8,893 deaths in 2014. <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/43-states-hit-with-widespread-flu-activity-cdc-reports/ar-AA7SnWd>

(National) KU Hospital among 11 penalized in Kansas. The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services study released in December identified 11 hospitals in Kansas and 721 nationwide that will have their Medicare payments lowered by 1 percent over the fiscal year from October 2014 through September 2015 due to medical errors that are considered avoidable. The report found that the hospitals had the highest rates of hospital-acquired conditions which included infections from catheters, blood clots, bed sores, and other preventable complications. <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2015/jan/08/11-kansas-hospitals-penalized-rates-infections/>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) Thieves jackpot ATMs with 'Black Box' attack. Researchers with NCR analyzed an attack on an ATM utilizing USB devices and physical access to disconnect an ATM from its computer and issue remote commands to the cash

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dispenser. The attack used a smartphone to issue commands from a remote attacker through a dynamic IP service, and a second USB device designed to trick the ATM into thinking it was still connected to its original computer.

<https://krebsonsecurity.com/2015/01/thieves-jackpot-atms-with-black-box-attack/>

(International) Wi-Fi password phishing attacks automated with new tool. A researcher released a tool dubbed Wifiphisher that can automate WiFi network password phishing by deauthenticating users, setting up a matching rogue access point using the target's settings, and the performing a man-in-the-middle (MitM) attack using a fake firmware update notification.

<http://www.securityweek.com/wi-fi-password-phishing-attacks-automated-new-tool>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(National) Morgan Stanley fires employee, cites data theft. Morgan Stanley officials reported January 5 that the investment banking firm began notifying about 900 clients of its wealth management division that a former employee stole partial account information of up to 10 percent of the division's client portfolio and briefly posted the information on the Internet. The information was promptly removed and the firm instituted enhanced security procedures on the affected accounts as a precaution.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/personalfinance/2015/01/05/morgan-stanley-employee-fired-data/21283617/>

(International) Over \$5 million stolen from Bitstamp's Bitcoin wallets. Bitstamp stated January 6 that some of its wallet accounts for the Bitcoin virtual currency were compromised January 4, resulting in a loss of around \$5 million in Bitcoins. The company suspended its services January 5 to investigate the compromise and stated that law enforcement agencies are involved in the inquiry.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Over-5-Million-Stolen-From-Bitstamp-s-Bitcoin-Wallets-469069.shtml>

(International) Attackers spread Dridex banking trojan via malicious macros. Researchers with Trustwave identified an attack campaign that uses phishing emails to attempt to spread the Dridex banking malware through Microsoft Office

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documents containing malicious macros. The campaign prompts users to enable macros and is currently targeting users in the U.K.

<http://www.securityweek.com/attackers-spread-dridex-banking-trojan-malicious-macros>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(Colorado) "Improvised explosive device" set off near Colorado Springs NAACP office. Authorities are investigating after an improvised explosive device detonated against the building that houses the office for the Colorado Springs chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) January 6. Police are searching for a potential person of interest and are examining evidence from the scene.

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_27267521/colorado-springs-police-responding-explosion-reports-at-naacp

(Vermont) Water heater explosion destroys part of Ludlow hotel. A two-story annex of a Best Western motel in Ludlow suffered \$500,000 in losses and severe structural damage after an explosion in an oil-fired water heater January 6.

<http://www.wcax.com/story/27772760/water-heater-explosion-destroys-part-of-ludlow-hotel>

(Missouri) Possible explosives force evacuation of Kansas City, North apartments. One person was taken into custody as residents were evacuated from the Tanglewood apartment complex in the Northland area of Kansas City January 8 while authorities removed apparent improvised home-made explosive devices and some precursor chemicals from a unit in the building. The discovery was made after police initially responded to check on a possible suicidal person at the complex. <http://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article5608344.html>

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

(Washington) Wilson Creek lost phone service after rodents chewed through line. CenturyLink reported that 222 lines were cut and 9-1-1 service in Wilson Creek was lost January 5 due to rodents chewing on fiber optic cable. Service was restored January 6. http://www.ifiberone.com/news/wilson-creek-lost-phone-service-after-rodents-chewed-through-line/article_06a548ea-95e1-11e4-b46d-9f5a33d0ce5d.html

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(International) Banking trojans disguised as ICS/SCADA software infecting plants. A researcher with Trend Micro identified 13 varieties of banking malware disguised as legitimate industrial control systems (ICS) software updates from Siemens, GE, and Advantech. The researcher stated that he first identified the attacks in October and that they originate as spearphishing attempts or drive-by download attacks. <http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/banking-trojans-disguised-as-ics-scada-software-infecting-plants/d/d-id/1318542>

(National) Ford recalls SUVs because drivers are accidentally turning them off. Ford announced that it is recalling around 13,500 model year 2015 Lincoln MKC vehicles due to the potential of drivers mistakenly pressing the push-button ignition and turning the vehicle off while accessing other buttons on a transmission and entertainment panel. <http://money.cnn.com/2015/01/06/autos/ford-push-button-ignition-recall/>

(National) Honda hit with \$70 million in fines for failing to report accidents over 11 years. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration fined Honda \$70 million January 8 for failing to report 1,729 accidents that caused deaths or serious injuries over 11 years. Honda stated that the failure to file reports was caused by data and computer programming errors. <http://money.cnn.com/2015/01/08/news/companies/honda-safety-fine/>

(National) Subaru recalls 199k vehicles to fix brake line rust. Subaru announced a recall for around 199,000 vehicles sold or registered in 20 cold weather States and Washington D.C., due to the potential for road salt to corrode brake lines, leading to brake fluid leaks and longer stopping distances. The recall affects model year 2009-2013 Forester, 2008-2011 Impreza, and 2008-2014 WRX and WRX STI

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vehicles. <http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/subaru-recalls-199k-vehicles-fix-brake-line-rust-28079983>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Nothing Significant to Report

ENERGY

(North Dakota) State says frozen pipe causes 250-barrel saltwater spill. The North Dakota Oil and Gas Division announced January 7 that American Eagle Energy Corp., reported a saltwater spill January 6 of more than 10,000 gallons near Fortuna. A frozen pipe caused the spill which was contained and recovered on the site. <http://www.kxnet.com/story/27786904/state-says-frozen-pipe-causes-250-barrel-saltwater-spill>

(Idaho) State fines federal government thousands over missed INL cleanup deadline. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality announced January 7 that the agency will begin issuing fines of \$3,600 per day to the U.S. Department of Energy for missing a December 31 deadline agreed to in 1992 for the cleanup of 900,000 gallons of liquid radioactive waste at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center.
http://www.idahostatesman.com/2015/01/08/3579194_state-fines-doe-thousands-over.html

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Michigan) 540 infected trees scheduled to be cut down at state park. Crews began January 7 the process of cutting down and removing 540 trees that are dying due to an infestation of the invasive emerald ash borer insect from the Bay City State Recreation park in Bay County.
<http://www.wnem.com/story/27776393/540-infected-trees-scheduled-to-be-cut-down-at-state-park>

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(Iowa) Manager says 1 dead following explosion at Iowa plant. One worker died and at least two other individuals were injured at the Green Valley Chemical fertilizer plant in Creston January 8 following a reported explosion at the facility. The cause of the explosion was not immediately disclosed.

http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/manager-says-dead-following-explosion-at-iowa-plant/article_a9d0f826-980b-11e4-a1cf-c7ca67772777.html

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

Nothing Significant to Report

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) The hidden dangers of third party code in free apps. MWR InfoSecurity researchers found several ways hackers can abuse ad networks by exploiting vulnerabilities in free mobile apps due to a privileged code injected into the apps that advertisers and third parties use for tracking which could allow access to address books, SMS contents, email, or any other action on the device that the app developer is allowed to access. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17783>

(International) HuffPo visitors targeted with malvertising, infected with ransomware. Cyphort Lab researchers identified a malvertising campaign that placed malicious ads on the Web sites of the Huffington Post and Gamezone.com by abusing the advertising.com ad network. The campaign began December 31 and used the Neutrino or Sweet Orange exploit kits to attempt to serve the Kovter ransomware. http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2936

(International) CryptoWall 2.0 ransomware capable of executing 64-bit code: Cisco. Researchers with Cisco's Talos Group published an analysis of the CryptoWall 2.0 ransomware and found that it contains several anti-sandbox and anti-security features, as well as the ability to run 64-bit code from a 32-bit dropper, among other findings. <http://www.securityweek.com/cryptowall-20-ransomware-capable-executing-64-bit-code-cisco>

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(International) Stealthy 'XOR.DDoS' trojan infects Linux systems, installs rootkit.

Researchers with Avast reported that the recently discovered XOR.DDoS malware has been targeting Linux systems and is using a rootkit to avoid detection. The malware is possibly being used by a small group to build up infrastructure for use in distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks.

<http://www.scmagazine.com/malware-targets-linux-and-arm-architecture/article/391497/>

PUBLIC HEALTH

(Texas) Gunman, one other dead after El Paso VA shooting. A gunman died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after shooting and killing a doctor at the El Paso VA Health Care System clinic in west Texas January 6. Police secured the scene and the clinic will remain closed January 7.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/01/06/active-shooter-reported-at-el-paso-military-hospital/21358703/>

(Idaho) Power outage knocks out hospital access to patient records, phones.

Service was restored January 5 after the phone system and access to medical records and the time card system at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls went down after the server room lost power January 4. The hospital worked to treat patients through backup means and service was uninterrupted.

http://magicvalley.com/news/local/power-outage-knocks-out-hospital-access-to-patient-records-phones/article_e4d3fc46-15f1-5ae6-aa5b-18b44971546a.html

(California) 9 measles cases linked to Disney theme parks in California. The California Department of Public Health announced January 7 that 7 individuals from California and 2 from Utah have confirmed cases of measles which were likely contracted on trips to Disney theme parks in the State between December 15 and December 20. Three additional cases are suspected and health officials urged anyone who may have been exposed to check with a doctor.

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/9-measles-cases-linked-to-disney-theme-parks-in-california/ar-AA7TLgr>

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TRANSPORTATION

(Washington) Thieves hit Gold Bar post office, steal mail from locked boxes.

Authorities are investigating after thieves broke into an unknown number of locked mailboxes at the Gold Bar post office in Snohomish County January 2.

<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Thieves-hit-Gold-Bar-post-office-steal-mail-from-locked-boxes-287385631.html>

(Oklahoma) Semi carrying explosives wrecks on Choctaw Co. highway. An accident involving a semi-truck carrying military-grade explosives and a vehicle prompted law enforcements and Choctaw County Emergency Management team to close down all lanes of U.S. Highway 271 in Grant, Oklahoma, for approximately 15 hours as a precaution January 7. An ordnance team reported that the explosives were stable and safe after inspection and reopened the highway. <http://www.kxii.com/morningshow/headlines/Highway-reopened-after-semi-accident--287784251.html>

(Ohio) Man killed by police at Columbus airport identified. A man was shot and killed during an officer-involved shooting outside of Port Columbus International Airport January 7 after the suspect allegedly attempted to use a fraudulent ID to purchase a plane ticket and then lunged at police with a knife when confronted. Some areas of the airport were placed off-limits and passengers diverted around them, while the incident also caused some flight delays. Source:

<http://www.wlwt.com/news/1-dead-in-officerinvolved-shooting-at-columbus-airport/30577822>

WATER AND DAMS

(Texas) Concerns after 650,000+ gallons of raw sewage flows into creek. More than 650,000 gallons of raw sewage spilled into Spring Creek in Collin County after a lift station's power supply was struck by lightning January 3. North Texas Municipal Water District officials stated that lab test results have not identified any potential environmental health concerns.

<http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2015/01/05/concerns-after-650000-gallons-of-raw-sewage-flows-into-creek/>

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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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